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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 are amended, claims 2 and 7 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 12-13 are added. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference characters not mentioned in the description: 104b'. The Examiner is directed to the amendment to the paragraph beginning at line 20 on page 13 set forth in the Amendment filed December 20, 2006 and entered by virtue of the Request for Continued Examination filed February 15, 2007, which corrected the specification to address this omission. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-2 and 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Watkins, U.S. Patent No. 2,116,370 in view of DE3221073 (hereinafter "DE '073"). Claims 2 and 7 have been canceled. The rejection is respectfully traversed in so far as it applies to the remaining claims.

The Examiner asserts that Watkins discloses all the claimed features with the exception of a cover bracket capable of completely covering a triangular space between the support frame, the rear surface of the door, and the hinge connection when the door is opened. The Examiner

then asserts that DE '073 teaches this feature then concludes that "[i]t would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the cover bracket of the structure of Watkins to completely cover the triangular space between the support frame, the rear surface of the door, and the hinge connection of said structure, as taught by [DE '073], in order to improve the aesthetic appearance [and] safety of said structure, thereby providing the structure substantially as claimed."

However, independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to more clearly recite the claimed cover bracket. That is, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, at least one cover protruding backward from the rear surface of the door at a position adjacent to and outward of the at least one support frame and hinge connection with respect to a central longitudinal axis of the storage box. Independent claim 5 has been similarly amended. Element 9 disclosed by DE '073 as a hinge plate and asserted by the Examiner as corresponding to the claimed cover plate is part of the hinge connection. See Fig. 1 of DE '073 and the corresponding disclosure. Thus, it is not positioned adjacent to and outward of a support frame and hinge connection, and provides no teaching for modifying Watkins as proposed by the Examiner to produce the claimed features of independent claims 1 and 5, respectively.

Accordingly, the rejections of independent claims 1 and 5 over Watkins and DE '0734 should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2, 4, and 6-7 are allowable over Watkins and DE '073

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at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 5, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

The Office Action rejected claims 3, 8, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Watkins and DE '073 in view of Jenkins, U.S. Patent No. 5,487,239. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 3, 8, and 9 are allowable over Watkins and DE '073 at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 5, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features. Jenkins fails to overcome the deficiencies of Watkins and DE '073, as Jenkins is merely cited for allegedly teaching a door basket. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent claims 3, 8, and 9 over Watkins, DE '073, and Jenkins should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Meek, U.S. Patent No. 2,711,944 in view of Watkins and DE '073. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 10 and 11 are allowable over Watkins and DE '073 at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 5, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features. Meek fails to overcome the deficiencies of Watkins and DE '073, as it is merely cited as disclosing a refrigerator. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent claims 10 and 11 over Meek, Watkins, and DE '073 should be withdrawn.

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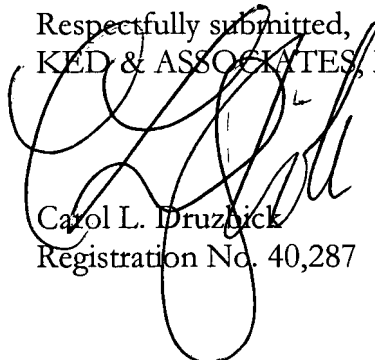
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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